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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT
JENKINS

1. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE
FROM THE PRESIDENT TO EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ROY JENKINS.
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2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
AUGUST 26, 1977

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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

AT THE DOWNING STREET SUMMIT, WE AGREED TO PROVIDE STRONG
POLITICAL LEADERSHIP TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRADE AND
TO STRENGTHEN THE OPEN INTERNATIONAL TRADING SYSTEM. I
KNOW YOU SHARE MY VIEW THAT A SUBSTANTIAL AND MEANINGFUL
RESULT IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUES TO

BE ESSENTIAL, BOTH AS AN ANTIDOTE TO PROTECTIONIST PRES-
SURES AND AS A MEANS OF ASSUMING THE CONTINUED HARMONIOUS
DEVELOPMENT OF OUR ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP.

I WAS VERY PLEASED TO HEAR FROM AMBASSADOR STRAUSS OF THE
EXCELLENT COOPERATION HE HAS HAD FROM YOUR COMMISSION IN
ENERGIZING THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE TIMETABLE THAT HAS BEEN
ESTABLISHED IS A GOOD ONE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO
ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MEANINGFUL PROGRESS CALLED FOR BY THE
END OF THE YEAR.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE FIRST CONCRETE TASK THAT NEEDS TO BE
ACCOMPLISHED IS THE NEGOTIATION OF A TARIFF REDUCTION
PLAN. IN THE DOWNING STREET COMMUNIQUE, WE AGREED THAT
SUCH A PLAN SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE A SUBSTANTIAL CUT
IN TARIFFS, AND I CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT WE LIVE UP TO
THIS AND OTHER GOALS. THE CURRENT STATE OF THE WORLD
ECONOMY MAKES IT ALL THE MORE NECESSARY FOR US TO DEMON-
STRATE OUR FAITH IN THE BENEFITS OF EXPANDED TRADE FOR THE
FUTURE GROWTH OF OUR ECONOMIES. REDUCED TRADE BARRIERS
AND AN EXPANSION OF TRADE HELPED OUR RECOVERY FROM THE
DEPRESSION IN THE 1930'S AND FROM A WORLD WAR IN THE 1940'S.
I AM CONVINCED THAT THE PROMISE OF FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN
TRADE BARRIERS CAN HELP OUR ECONOMIES TO OVERCOME THE
CURRENT STAGNATION OF WORLD ECONOMIC ACTIVITY.

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I EXPECT AMBASSADOR STRAUSS TO BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU AND
YOUR COLLEAGUES IN THE NEAR FUTURE ON HOW WE MIGHT BEST
ACHIEVE OUR GOALS AND I ASSURE YOU OF MY FIRM SUPPORT FOR
YOUR OWN EFFORTS AND THOSE OF YOUR COLLEAGUES.

SINCERELY,

/S/ JIMMY CARTER

MR. ROY JENKINS
PRESIDENT
COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
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